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IN A BLOOD COLLECTION TUBE*

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks set forth below.